THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTQSH MOHAN DEV); (a) Yes sir, the Post Office Savings Account Rules, 1981 have been amended cflectibe from 1-2-1987.

(b) The details of the amendments made are as under: —

(i) No account shall be opened with a deposit of a sum less than twenty rupees.

j(Bl *Mo* subsequent deposit shall <be of a sum of less than *Sve* rupees.

(iii) No withdrawal shall be for a Bum less than five rupees.

(iv) No withdrawal shall be permitted which has the effect of reducing the balance to lesg than twenty rupees in an account not having cheque facility and one hun dred rupees in an account in which cheque facility has been provided.

(v) The fraction of" a rupee in deposits and withdrawals shall be in multiples of five paise.

(vi) No interest shall be allowed-on an account for any month in which the balance at credit is below twenty rupees at any time between tenth and last date of the month.

(vii) No interest shall be avowed on any account for any year in which the amount of interest for the year is less than one rupee.

(viii) An account in which a deposit of withdrawal has not taken placa for three complete years shall ' be treated as silent acquent.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Account opened for depositing Security in connection with purchase of a Motor Vehicle' is a particular type of Saving account. Such accounts are also covered by amendment to Post Office Savings Account Rules, 1981.

(e) The system of treating the savings account as silent is in existence for a long time. This is to ensure the safety of the depositors accounts when they become inoperative fox long spells of time. Extra care, therefore, needs to be taken in permitting transactions, specially" wihdrawals, only in genuine cases. The reduction in the period from six years to three years for rendering an account 'silent' was considered justified to avoid un necessary burden of work in SB branches of Post Offices in balancing such accounts, resulting in sizeable operational costs.

(f) The amendments were published in Government of India Geuette extraordinary Part II Section 3 Sub-Section (i) under GSR No. S (E), dated 2-1-87. The amendment regarding silent accounts relate primarily to working procedures to be followed in Post Offices 'or which detailed ins* tructions were issued.

Construction of youth hostels la Asdhra Pradesh

492. SHRI TAI^ARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleas-ed to state:

(a) the existing number of youth hostels and their locations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there ig any* proposal to construct more youth hostels in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88; and

(c) if so the details thereof with locations and the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN-THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATT MARGARET ALVA): (a) At present, out of 18 youth hostels in the country, one youth hostel is, functioning at Secunderabad, A. E.

(b) and (c) Two more youth hostels have been sanctioned for construction at Tirupati and Vishakhapat-nam. A sum of Rs. 10. 00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction *ot* youth hostel at Tirupati.

Loan to State Governments for implementation of New Education Policy

493. SHRI PEABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to advance bank loans and- L. I. C loans for the implementaion of the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCA-TION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): Ca) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Policy on Edu-cation-1986 has envisaged several measures for raising non-government resources for education. These include mobilising donations, greater community involvement for maintenance of school buildings and supply of consumables effect savings by efficient use of facilities etc. It is. open to State Government to also consider other measures to finance the educational programmes in the context of the New Education Policy.

Tenders for coal handling,cinderpicking and ash handling at Kanpurand GMC loco sheds

494. SHRI KAILASH PAH MI-SHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Labour Cooperative Societies who submitted tenders in the year 1986 for coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling work etc. at Kanpur and GMC loco sheds;

'(b) the details <bf each tender, separately, during 1986-87;

(c) whether it is a fact that the rate for various items of work mentioned in the schedule and the other rates received were lower than the rates paid to the outgoing Society for the same job upto 15-9-86;

(d) whether further negotiations were ordered/recomniended by the Tender Committee before finally* accepting the lowest tender as was done in case of tenders for similar work at Tundla Group; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The names of the labour Cooperative Societies which submitted lenders are as follows: —

(i) Sarvodaya Shramik Sahkari Samvida Samiti Limited, Kanpur;

(ii) Tundla Railway Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Limited, Tundla;

(iii) Railway Shram Avam Nir-man Sahkari Samiti Limited, Tundla;

(iv) Parcel Handling Sahkari Shram Samvida Samiti Limited, Aligarh;

(v) Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida' Sahkari Samiti Limited, Allahabad; and

(vi) Railway Sahkari Shram Samvida Samiti Limited, Tundla.